GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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TIPAIMUKH DAM PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Tipaimukh Dam Project;

(b) whether there is any major protest from the local people against the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the construction on the dam is likely to commence?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : The Tipaimukh Hydroelectric (Multipurpose) Project (1500 MW), being executed by the North Eastern Electric Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO), is located near the Manipur-Mizoram border in the Churachandpur district of Manipur, The project has been conceived as a multipurpose storage project with main objectives of hydropower development and flood moderation.

The Public Investment Board (PIB) under the Ministry of Finance had considered the proposal on 25.10.2005 and on 31.01.2006. The Public Investment Board (PIB) recommended the investment subject to, inter-alia, costs relating to flood moderation, diversion of National Highways and external security being borne by the concerned administrative departments and subject to clearances from the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
The project has so far not received environment and forest clearance.

(b) & (c) : It has been informed that Shri Mani Charename, Hon`ble Member of Parliament and the NGO `Citizen Concern for Dams and Development` has sent representations to the Ministry of Environment & Forests protesting against the 1st public hearing at the district headquarters in Tamenglong on 17.11.2006 and Churachandpur on 22.11.2006. A Public Interest Litigation was filed by Smt. H. Sumati Devi, and another one was filed by Shri Singonpou Pamei, Coordinator, Centre of Organization Research Education, Imphal and Shri Aram Pamei, Social Worker/Christian Mission Workers challenging the manner of conducting Public Hearings in the Imphal Bench of the Hon`ble High Court at Guwahati. The matter is sub-judice.

(d) : The project is likely to be completed in 7 years and 3 months after the investment approval by the Government.